

WHITE SULPHUR LETTER.

Grand Literary Meeting—A Summer German in the Mountains—Arrivals and Departures.

White Sulphur, W. Va., Special—The weekly meeting of the White Sulphur Literary Society was held at the M. E. church on last Wednesday night, Mr. R. B. Barcus presiding. After the reading of the minutes by the secretary, Miss Lena Whipp, the following very interesting program was rendered: Opening song; paper by Mr. N. D. Murphy; music; declamation by Mr. J. B. Booz; address, subject "Preparation the demand of the Age," by Mr. C. H. Bullock of Charlottesville, Va., song by Golden Shavers Quartette; solo with guitar accompaniment by Miss Maggie Pogue; music by instrumental trio, Messrs. W. F. Brown, W. J. Pogue and Joseph W. Cox; selections, Washington Post March and pieces; solo "The bird in a gilded cage" by special request, Mr. W. F. Brown; instrumental, mandolin solo by Mr. Jefferson Odell; debate, "Resolved, that conferences held by the colored man tend to do more harm than good," Mr. Silas B. Jackson, affirmative and John Crump, negative; the judges were: Messrs. C. H. Bullock, Clayton, Brown, Adam Ellis, Marcus Mitchell and Briscoe Woolfolk. According to the discussion the judges decided the debate a tie. Both participants made very strong arguments which were highly enjoyed by all present. Singing by quartette, Messrs. Charles James, Clarence Lewis, W. A. Robinson and J. W. Cox. Prof. J. W. Scott, assistant principal of Douglas High School, Huntington, W. Va. is spending a part of the summer visiting at Dry Creek. Among the kitchen force at the hotel of whom we have not made mention are assistant broilers Messrs. Geo. Clair of Union, W. Va., and N. D. Murphy, member of the American Detective Association of Indianapolis, Indiana, who are regular readers of The Colored American. Mr. Fred. Syphax of Washington, D. C. has been confined to his room for a few days with a slight attack of rheumatism. He will leave this week for home. Mr. J. A. Jefferson will spend some time visiting friends in Lewisburg, W. Va., before returning to Washington. A German was given at Laundry Hall last Friday night under the auspices of Messrs. Samuel Webb and H. H. Hicks. Waltzes, two steps and schottisches followed each other in quick succession, played by the White Sulphur Orchestra, composed of Messrs. W. F. Brown, W. J. Pogue and J. W. Cox. After serving refreshments, dancing was resumed until the wee sma' hours of morn. Mr. Charles James acted in the capacity of floor manager. We are unable to give a list of those present, but feel abundantly satisfied that all present had a very enjoyable time. Miss Katie Chambers and Mrs. Everett Southall of Charlottesville, Va. arrived last week. Messrs. Silver Taylor and W. Cunningham are the elevator men here and among the bellmen we have met Messrs. Samuel Webb and H. Hicks, Messrs. W. L. Bush, Horace Worthington, Isaac Newton and Dr. Wm. Naylor of Washington, D. C. drove to the Old Sweet Springs, a distance of 20 miles last Sunday. Mr. C. H. Bullock leaves this week for his home in Charlottesville, Va. after a months stay at the White Sulphur. Among those who have recently arrived as waiters are: Messrs. Samuel H. Harris, J. E. Hickman, Samuel Weeden, James Jones, W. D.

Jones, Walter Mayo and William Taylor of Richmond, Va., I. N. Gooch and H. E. Roan of Washington, D. C. Quite an interesting game of base ball was played between the Old Reserve and the dining room teams resulting in the score of 8 to 6 favor of the Old Reserve nine. Up to the third inning it looked quite gloomy for the Old Reserve, but Capt. Toliver's home run bringing in two men on bases, John's son and Pryor, decided the game in favor of Capt. Toliver's team. The game was umpired by Mr. C. L. Jones of Fincastle, Va. All persons desiring The American here can secure it from Mr. R. B. Barcus on Saturday of each week.

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FOR PROTECTION OF THE NEGRO.

Formal Call for Convention of the National Afro-American Council at Indianapolis—Basis of Representation—Race Papers Please Copy.

Following is the text of the call for a national convention, issued by the officers of the National Afro American Council:

To the officers and members of the National Afro American Council, Greeting:—You are hereby called to meet in National Convention, in the Senate Chamber, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Tuesday, August 28, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of discussing questions affecting the interests of the race; to elect officers for the ensuing year; to devise plans, and to take such action as may be deemed best for the protection and advancement of the Afro American people.

The basis of representation shall be as follows:

1. All persons who hold life membership.
2. Every Local Council shall be entitled to representation in the National Council by delegates elected on a basis of one delegate to every fifty members, said delegate to qualify upon presentation of credentials, and payment of ten cents for each member so represented.

Provided, however, that any Local Council having less than fifty members shall be entitled to one vote, upon presentation of credentials and the payment of the annual tax of five dollars.

3. Religious and secular organizations which have for their aim and work the mental and moral elevation of the race, and which desire to co operate with the National Council, may be represented by affiliated delegates, not more than two delegates to each organization. Said delegates shall have the right to vote upon payment of five dollars for each delegate.

4. Editors of Afro-American newspapers and principals of academic schools and colleges may be admitted to membership in the National Council, and be entitled to vote, upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of five dollars.

We need not emphasize the fact that the National Afro American Council represents the organized possibilities of the race, and that our condition in this country, at the present time, makes this meeting imperative.

It is desired that every interest be represented, and a hearty co-operation of our people in all parts of the country is earnestly solicited.

A. WALTERS, President,

T. THOS. FORTUNE, Chairman Executive Committee.

JAMES LAWSON, Chairman Sub Executive Committee.

R. W. THOMPSON, Secretary.

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Subordinate Fountains are composed of males and females, sound in health and mind, and of good moral character.

Conventions.—When joining the Order through Conventions, persons are taken in from 14 to 50 years of age; when joining the Fountain by application persons are taken from 14 to 60 years of age complete.

Joining or Benefit Fees.—From 14 to 20 years of age, \$4.00; at 20, \$5.00; at 25, \$6.00; at 30, \$7.00.

Death Benefits.—\$75 and \$125. Should death occur within the first year, \$75; after the first year, \$125 will be paid to the heirs, assigns or legal representatives.

Sick Benefits.—From \$6 to \$9 per month, paid weekly.

Monthly Dues are 35 or 50 cents per month. Taxes are 80 cents annually, paid semi-annually, January and July. The first month's dues secure the highest weekly sick benefits.

Life Membership.—Ten shares of Bank Stock, costing each member \$5 a share, make said member a life member. After paying dues and owning the stock one year, the fruits of the stock will pay the member's dues, and leave a handsome little balance each year. Just calculate—monthly dues, 50 cents per month, and taxes 80 cents per year, amount to \$6.80, and a dividend on ten shares of stock at 20 per cent on the dollar, or \$2 per share, amounts to \$20 annually, which will pay the member's dues, \$6.80, and leave a balance of \$13.20. Should the dues be 35 cents per month, and 80 cents taxes per year, the monthly dues and taxes will amount to \$5 per year. The dividend of \$10 would pay the monthly dues and taxes, and leave a balance of \$5.

Additional Benefits of Life Membership.—Should adverse circumstances befall a member, said member may take his ten shares of stock and Fountain policy, and secure a loan from \$1 to \$88, which will enable said member to tide over the misfortune, pay up the loan, redeem his policy and stock, and go on his way rejoicing.

2. ROSEBUD FOUNTAIN (For the Children.)

Rosebud Fountains are composed for children, male and female, from 3 to 14 years of age.

Joining or Benefit Fees, \$1.50; paid spot cash or by instalments.

Death Benefits.—\$24.50 and \$37.00. Should death occur within the first year, \$24.50; after the first year \$37 will be paid to the parents or guardians.

Sick Benefits.—From \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month paid weekly; 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1 per week, respectively. The highest monthly dues purchase the highest weekly sick benefits.

Monthly Dues and Taxes.—The monthly dues are 10 cents, 15 cents, or 25 cents, respectively, just as the Fountain may decide. Taxes, 10 cents annually, paid semi-annually, January and July. The child is allowed to purchase five shares of Bank Stock, which makes his policy self-supporting, with a balance each year.

3. THE REGALLA.

This Department furnishes all Regalla that is worn by the members of the Order. For style and prices write for price list.

4. CLASSES.

B and E Classes admit a membership, male and female, and secure life and death benefits.

B Class Policies are as follows:

CLASS B TABLE.

Age.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate.	Annual Dues.	Paid Quarterly.
14 to 20 years.....	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$4.75	\$1.20
20 to 25 years.....	3.75	200.00	4.75	1.30
25 to 35 years.....	5.00	200.00	5.70	1.40
35 to 45 years.....	6.25	140.00	6.05	1.00
45 to 50 years.....	7.50	115.00	6.05	1.00
50 to 55 years.....	8.50	80.00	7.00	1.00
55 to 60 years.....	9.50	65.00	7.00	1.00

E Class Policies are as follows:

CLASS E TABLE.

Age.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate.	Annual Dues.	Paid Quarterly.
14 to 25 years.....	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$9.50	\$2.40
25 to 35 years.....	5.25	500.00	9.50
35 to 45 years.....	5.50	500.00	10.40
45 to 50 years.....	5.75	450.00	11.40	2.35
50 to 55 years.....	5.75	400.00	11.40	2.35
55 years (Complete).....	6.00	350.00	11.00	2.35

The ages are reckoned from the last birthday.

Remember that the applicant is benefited as soon as his policy is issued.

The annual dues of either of the above named Classes may be divided into quarterly payments of three months each, payable the 1st of January, April, July, and October.

The balance of annual dues remaining to the credit of each member after paying expenses will go to the purchase of Bank Stock for said member.

If dues are paid annually in advance, the member gets 5 per cent drawback in cash, and his full proportion of annual dues. By the latter mode of payment each member is made his own collector, thereby making the membership independent of the agent, and self-supporting, and the member receiving the percentage that would be paid to the agent to collect.

You will readily see that the members of either one of these classes are only required to meet once or four times a year, while the Fountains and Rosebuds meet twice a month.

Life Benefits.—The members of B Class are allowed to purchase 15 shares of Bank Stock, and two shares for each year of their membership. The stock yields a dividend of 10 per cent, or one dollar per share. Should misfortune befall them on their pathway of life, they may take their stock certificates and policies, and secure a loan after a given period of time.

Members of Class E can purchase 25 shares of Bank Stock, and two shares for each year of their membership; likewise, they may take their policies and certificates of Bank Stock, and secure a loan after a given period of time. You will readily see that the member in health, as well as his family in death.

5. THE TRUE REFORMERS' BANK.

The Savings Bank of the G. F. U. O. T. R. was chartered March 1, 1888. Its capital stock is \$100,000. It commenced business April 1, 1889. The amount of business to March 1, 1898, is \$3,438,190. The stock of this bank is sold to the membership of the Fountains, Rosebuds, B and E classes, and pays a dividend of 20 per cent on the dollar. Persons can deposit their moneys on time or demand. The bank pays 4 per cent interest on all time deposits. Moneys on demand are held subject to the orders of the depositors. Deposits are received from 10 cents and upwards. Special attention is given to the collection of notes and drafts.

In 1898 this was the only bank in Richmond which continued to pay currency to its depositors during the financial stringency, while the other banks were using scrip.

6. REAL ESTATE OF THE U. O. T. R.

This Department manages and controls the property of the organization. It grew out of the necessity of having offices and buildings in which to carry on the business of the organization, and to furnish halls for the Subordinate Lodges. Buildings now owned: 11 farms, 3; dwellings, 2; hotels, 1; with a fee simple value of \$164,000. Buildings leased, 16.

7. THE REFORMER, the Organ of the Order.

The Reformer is the Beacon-Light, the Head-Light, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is a live race journal, with a circulation of 5,000. It is the medium of the Order, and its columns team with all its doings and achievements. Send for sample copies. It is published weekly in The Reformer Printing Office, Richmond, Va., having a first-class job department, and makes a specialty of high-class work.

